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# Newsletter

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### Thanks

... those who took the time to thank a support staff member for the fantastic work they do.

... Steve Martin for the work he has done over the years monitoring the school alarm system. There are not too many callouts and so if you think you might be able to give Steve a hand please give Kevin a call next week.

### People of the week

... Players of the day – Hockey, Mini Sticks Development Blue; Kieran Langley on 4/6/16, Savannah France on 11/6/16; Matarau Netball team 2 – Isabell Attwood; Hikurangi Rugby JB4 Brayden Deeming. Matarau Netball 3, Bella Rhodes Well done!

### Term Calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

17 June	Online portfolios open for viewing
20 June	Matariki presentation .... Hall ... 2:00-3:00
29 June	SCHOOL PHOTOS
29 June	KHS presentation ... staffroom 7:00pm
30 June	Huanui Presentation ... Guided Tours from 5pm - 6pm, Presentation from 6pm (@ Huanui)
4/5 July	Parent- Teacher Interviews
7 July	Year 8 HPV vaccination 2
8 July	Final day of term 2
3 Aug	WGHS Presentation 2-3pm in Staffroom

### Matariki

Children have been studying Matariki (the Maori New Year). Parents are warmly invited to a presentation in the hall from 2:00 to 3:00pm on Monday 20 June at which classes will share what they have learnt. We hope to see you there.



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### Mid-year interviews

Our on line interview booking system will be open from around mid-point next week. Interviews are booked on a first in basis. If you do not have access to the internet, or if you have four or more children please phone Helen on Monday morning. **The access code & letters will follow next week.**

### Reminders from last week

... Please continue your work at home on the consideration virtue.  
... Draft Child Protection Policy. Available from the office on request. Feedback please by 13 June.  
... Please remind children who have digital devices to bring these with them to school each day. Thanks.  
... Headlice ... please check weekly  
... Drink bottles at school each day please  
... expressions of interest in the Cambridge programme from out of zoners are invited ... it would be helpful to have these by the end of June.  
... senior science fair will take place week 3 of next term .. exhibits in week beginning 1.8, judged 8.8 and open for viewing from 9.8

### Junior Paper Mill trip

Each junior class will visit the Paper Mill during weeks 8 and 9. Please return permission forms ASAP if you have not already done so. The cost of this trip will be met from each child's activity fee. Questions to the classroom teachers please.

### Science Fair

Any questions or concerns in the run up to science fair should be directed to Mrs Donaldson or Mr LeBreton please. As always, the key is to avoid a late run-up. We are happy to help.

### Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30pm on 4th and 5th July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings). ***Please note there will be no change in time for the Kamo Bus on these days***

### School Contribution and Fees

Those who have not yet paid their school fees or who have opted for term payment will have received an invoice last week. Please let us know if we can help organise time payment arrangements if that would be preferable.

### Newsletter by email

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter by email each week, please email Helen at [admin@matarau.school.nz](mailto:admin@matarau.school.nz).

### Lost Property

Black & Grey Hunting & Fishing jersey (size 8) and Black & White sneakers (size 5). Please check your kids' bags in case accidentally brought home. If found, please return to the Office or Room 10. Thankyou.



### Guitar Lessons

Available after school, Thursday & Fridays. Phone Vangie 021 188 3251.

### School Photo's - Wednesday 29 June 2016

Order forms were sent home today with all children. Please book online or return your form to the office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June enclosing money. Please note that school hockey & netball team photos will be taken & can be ordered on the reverse of the form - please send your child to school with their hockey or netball uniform on this day, regardless of whether you are ordering a photo. Coaches are invited to be present for the team photo's - would be late morning on the 29<sup>th</sup>.



### International Schools competitions

Practice papers for the English exam will be issued early next week. As in previous years we will meet with participants from time to time to see how they are going and to provide encouragement. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home please (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided).

A reminder that the exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 2 August ... Mathematics -16 August. Practice papers for maths exam will be made available week beginning 4 July.

### Confirmation of Secondary School

Next week parents of year 8 children will receive a form asking for an indication of which secondary school their child is likely to attend in 2017. **Please return your form by 1 July.** This helps us to ensure that you get the information you need as we approach information and enrolment time. As mentioned in earlier correspondence, it is fine, at this stage, to identify more than one possible option.

### Absences

Please contact the school office before 8:45 am if your child will be absent from school on the day in question (or leave a message on the school answer phone that morning or the prior evening). Please state the reason for non-attendance as this data is required by the Ministry of Education.

### Nothing Naughty Bars - Library Books Fundraiser

**If you have bars left, or you are not in a position to on-sell these, please return to school ON MONDAY.** Contact Lisa Ryan on 027 454 3630, if you would like more bars to sell, or extended time to return your current box.

### See Saw ... digital portfolios

In earlier years parents have received portfolios in advance of mid-year interviews. This year parents will receive access to an on-line digital portfolio containing samples of your child's work, with annotations and or comments by them and their class teacher. Parents will have access to their child's work from 17 June. Those needing assistance to access their child's portfolio are invited to meet with Mr Schuster and Mrs Donaldson in the staff room from 3:15pm on Thursday 23 June. **Technical sheets on how to access your child's digital portfolio were sent home with your child today.**

### Digital Portfolios ... a final reminder!

We like to implement change gradually so that we get things right. Some staff have been experimenting with See Saw for a year or more on a trial basis, while others are learning it now. Accordingly, more digital samples will be available for some children than for others depending on their room, this is to be expected as we transition to this new system and will remedy itself with time. Our special focus this year is writing, all children will have at least three writing samples for you to view (they will be flagged for your convenience in the more substantial portfolios). Please give special attention to these pieces of work.

### Finally

This week Georgia Perris wrote a very convincing letter on why a "friendship seat" might be a great addition to our school. Georgia's thinking is that, if a child would like a friend, or perhaps a new friend, they could sit on this seat so that those passing will have the opportunity to connect with them. Great idea Georgia. Cody Mitchell added his thoughts that we should paint it the colours of the rainbow. So .. watch this space. Great thinking Georgia and Cody.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella  
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## School Lunches



**Mondays** - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice.

Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

**Wednesdays** - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

**Fridays** - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.*

## Community Notices

### School Hols Creative Writing Workshops

Local author, Donna Blaber, is running two inspirational one-day creative writing workshops during the July school holidays for young writers in Years 5, 6 and 7 (aged approximately 8-13 years). The workshops will be held on Thursday 21st July and Friday 22nd July 2016, at Huanui College in Glenbervie, as part of their July School Holiday Programme. The cost per day (9am-3pm) is \$35 per child and spaces are strictly limited to 12. Visit <http://www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html> for further information

### School Holiday Programme – Hockey

**Year 3 – Year 6 Small Sticks Development Programme** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016 9am – 12noon daily \$15.00 per child per day Goalkeeper coaching on Mon & Tue (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN

**Year 7 & Year 8 Small Sticks Development Programme** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2016 8.30am – 2pm daily \$40.00 per child (for both days) – players may attend 1 day please email us! Goalkeeper coaching on both days (must provide own gear) Skills, hockey knowledge, small games, heaps of FUN

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**Mobile Phone Recycling Collection** – This is a win-win campaign where we can gain fantastic rewards from collecting unwanted mobile phones whilst also helping Sustainable Coastlines look after our coastlines and waterways. ***Sustainable Coastlines** is a young, multi award winning New Zealand charity run by a small team of hard working staff and a network of passionate volunteers and interns. Their mission is to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the places we love.* By providing this form of environmental responsible recycling we are all helping to divert phones and accessories away from our landfills and recover reusable material that can be used to create other products. Send in your old Mobile Phones and the school will collect and send on.



### Are you concerned about your child's ability to understand or talk clearly with others?

Moretalk Speech Language Therapy offers private assessment and therapy sessions. Our well established practice has three NZ trained SLT's working in clinic (Kensington) or school based therapy sessions, with children with a wide range of communication delays and disorders.

Please ring or email us to discuss your child's needs and get a quote for services. Phone: 021 2720101 or 09 4370434 e-mail: [michelle@moretalk.co.nz](mailto:michelle@moretalk.co.nz)

**Flax plants.** Already dug out. Free. Ring Robyn 4335501 or 021541349